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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

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AMENDMENTS

X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. ____ If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph(s)/section(s) beginning at page, and replace such paragraph(s)/section(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. Claims:

Please cancel claim 25 without prejudice.

Please amend claims _____ and add new claims _____ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

____ If checked, the optional complete set of “clean” claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to eliminate the multiple dependent claim in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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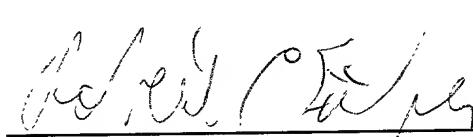


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